

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 15-18, 22 and 23 are pending, by virtue of the Second Amendment after Final Rejection (of November 14, 2003). In the Advisory Action of December 29, 2003, the Examiner objected to the Second Amendment after Final Rejection saying that claim 16 still contained non-elected subject matter. The two compounds objected to by the Examiner are now cancelled. Additionally, the Examiner objected to the term "airway disorders" as new matter, while stating that "gastrointestinal disorders" can be considered as a paraphrase of "diseases of GI tract" presented in the original claims. The term "airway disorders" is now cancelled.

Thus, the present amendment limits the compound claims to only the species in claims 16 and 17. Claims 16 and 17 are now independent claims; Claims 13 and claim 22 are method of treating claims using the compounds of claim 16 and claim 17 respectively. Similarly, claim 15 and claim 23 are "method of preparing" claims using the compounds of claim 16 and claim 17 respectively. Claim 18 is a pharmaceutical composition claim for the compounds of claims 16 and 17. The method of treating claims 13 and 22 limit the diseases to gastrointestinal disorders. Thus, the only claims remaining after this Amendment are independent claims 16 and 17, and dependent claims 13, 15, 18, 22 and 23. Withdrawal of the rejections is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the concerns raised by the Examiner have been addressed in this communication and respectfully request entry of this Amendment. There being no other rejection pending, Applicants believe that the claims, as amended, are patentable over the art. Such an action is earnestly requested. If the Examiner has questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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